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Deb Whetstone

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

*Mike & Margaret Knepple*



Hi everyone.

It seems like we have jumped right into summer, with this heat. So make sure to have to have water with you. And be safe.

We send our condolences to the Rance Family. We were sorry to hear that Rod's mother has passed away. Our prayers go out to them. Rod and Cheryl hosted the Chapter game night. Maggie and I could not attend, but we heard there was a lot of food and fun. Thanks Rod and Cheryl.

We attended Spring Wing Warm Up with Bob, Sue, Mark and Carol. We headed home about 6pm, just as the nasty weather set in. We had hoped to ride the bikes to Portland, but were glad we were in the cars as the weather got bad. Of course there were enough vendors for all of us to spend some money at. I think all of us found something to buy. We would like to thank Bob, Sue, Mark and Carol for the help working registration. We also visited with a lot of friends, like Snappy selling his Cycle Care Formula, Dave and Cheryl enjoying the day, and Chapter V from Gary. It was really nice to see them again.

Butch and Margaret have stepped down as our District Directors. We want to wish them well as they move onto their new position with Region D. We also want to Welcome Stan and Becky Egli as our new District Directors.

We heard from Cathy Rummel that Kathy Easterly is doing better, still very tired and hoping to visit us at a meeting soon. Jim VanLeacke had surgery and is now at home and doing well. Jim McPhail updated us on LD Richmond and he is still going through treatment. Dave Shull sent an email about Cheryl. She had to go back to the hospital, but is home now. She will be starting more treatment soon. Jeff Henry from Michigan V2 had heart surgery. He is now home and is doing very well.

Ron and Joann Gabbard were in an accident coming home from their trip. They are pretty banged up and sore. Joann has a leg injury and will be going to the doctor to determine the extent. We hope they have a speedy recovery. Please keep everyone in your prayers and thoughts as they go through their recovery/treatments.

We would like to congratulate Kyle Beachy on his High School Graduation and on his receiving his Eagle Scout Award. You are a wonderful young man and it has been great watching you grow up. Denny Heckaman, Rod Clark and Jim McPhail received mentor pins from Kyle. They helped him a lot through the years.

The Mystery Ride as been cancelled at this time. There will be no July Meeting as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July occurs that week. We will meet for a dinner ride at the usual place on CR 17. If anyone would like to lead the ride, just let us know. So on that note everyone have a safe and a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Well until the August Meeting enjoy our warm weather. But most of all be safe out there.

Mike and Maggie

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** are held the 1st Thursday of each month at Bennigan's in the Ramada Inn, off Cassopolis and the toll road. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting @ 7:15 PM

**DINNER RIDES** are every Thursday night May-Sept. (except meeting night). Meet in the Amberwood Terrace parking lot on CR 17. Leaving promptly at 6:30 PM

## FROM YOUR ASST. CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Wolfgang and Connie Gless



Hello to All

This article is being written a little early due to Connie and I being at Americade. So as of today some members are about to leave for Spring Wing

Warm-Up, Connie and I are about to head to Americade and, unfortunately, we will not be at the June meeting so here is a little of what has happened and what is coming up.

To start with, the Mall Show was a success with a number of bikes and chapters in attendance. What we plan to do next year will have to be discussed at a meeting. We had Game Night hosted by Cheryl & Rod Rance; we had plenty of food and played cards and other games. All who attended had a good time.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Bob Chute and I attended the E.R.C. Course in Akron, IN. Our significant others accompanied us on a sunny but very cool day (with the wind it was down right cold). Six hours of grueling course riding, we both passed and we did learn some very helpful information and riding tactics. If you think you know it all and don't need the course, think again.

In July Connie and I are planning to hold a Progressive Dinner ride on the 27<sup>th</sup>, this may be pushed back 2 weeks because it looks like this year on that same weekend will be the last Honda Homecoming in Marysville Ohio. As we all know by now Honda is moving all motorcycle production back to Japan. Being it will be the last Homecoming, some chapter members are planning to attend. If Honda has another Homecoming in 2009 it may be a little far to travel. We will let all know as to the new date of the Progressive Dinner ride by the July Meeting but it will most likely be August 10th. So that will be all for this month, ride safe and stay dry.

Wolfgang & Connie Gless

Editor's note: Since there is no July meeting we will probably have to do a phone tree on this possible date change.

## FROM YOUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR

Bob Chute



### Motorcycle Rider Safety

Safety is always a priority for Goldwing riders and all motorcycle riders in general. Statistics drawn from the (NCSA) National Center for Statistics and Analysis have some specific areas of concern for motorcycle riders.

### Areas of Concern

The largest area of concern are riders who are unaware of what's going on around them, riders who are too busy adjusting their GPS or radio, creating a dangerous lack of reaction time. Other concerns are inattentive manner of riding, untrained riders, or those who ride impaired & riders without protective clothing. Example of what to avoid on a hot summer day is riding with shorts, sneakers and a tee shirt. Those are prime examples of what not to do.

### MSF's Recommendations

- Get trained properly & licensed
- Wear protective gear
- Ride unimpaired
- Ride within your limits at all times
- Be a lifelong learner

Motorcycle riding, especially Goldwing style can be the best expression of freedom on the open road that anyone will find. With that, we all have a responsibility to ourselves, our co-riders and the other motorists we share the road with to be aware, cautious, and ride with proper clothing such as a jacket, gloves, boots and a good helmet and eye protection.

### Hot Weather Riding

Even in hot weather, riding with an Mesh Jacket can offer both protection and keep you cooler by shielding you from that hot sun, yet the air flows thru the mesh material. In the colder weather people usually ride with proper clothing more often than in hot weather.

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## RECRUITER & RETENTION

**Ron Gabbard**

Please send your renewals to Ron and he will forward them to GWRRA. We want to keep everyone current and enjoying the many benefits of membership in this great association. Those due in August are: Al & Cindy Beachy, Larry Johnson. In September are: William & Karen Dahman, Rich and Cari Durecki, Greg & Brenda Swanson

## WANTED

Two old but clean toilet seats w/lids  
by fall.

Contact: Kathy Case  
(She will not tell you why.)



Got an item that you would like to sell? Advertise it here in the "For Sale" listing of the newsletter. This publication is seen state wide and could help to locate someone that is looking for your item.



Your Chapter Store Representative:  
**Cindy Norman**

Chapter items for sale:

**Hats** ..... \$13.00

**Chapter Flags** ..... \$12.00

**Gold Wing Clocks** .... \$15.00

Various pins, patches etc. also available. See Cindy for details.

**FOR SALE:** An Eclipse heated vest. Size Large. Perfect for extending that riding season or just adding some extra comfort when riding early or late in the day. Asking \$75.00 OBO. Call 574 273-3001

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## Barnaby's Pizza Night Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Skinner's are arranging a pizza night on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Carol has coupons for sale for **\$10.00**. This will buy you a large pizza with 3 toppings. These coupons are only good for the Barnaby's in Mishawaka on Grape Rd. The coupons are good until August 31st if you would like to purchase one to use on another date.



We will meet at Skinner's at 4:30 pm on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Then carpool over to Barnaby's to enjoy our pizza there. We will be at Barnaby's about 5 pm if you would like to meet us there.

After pizza everyone is invited back to Mark & Carol's for dessert. Ice tea and coffee will be provided at their house. Please bring any other beverage you might like.

These coupons are from our friends at Chapter N. They are selling them as a fund raiser for the Ride for Kids.

## Corn and Sausage Roast August 9th

The Corn and Sausage Roast will be August 9 at 4PM in the backyard of Frank & Kathy Case, 59098 Peppermint Drive, Elkhart. A signup sheet was sent around at the June meeting. Since there will be no July meeting, if you did not sign up and want to attend please call Frank or Kathy at 875-9135. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite drink. You may park in the church parking lot on CR 22 and walk into their backyard. There will be tables, chairs and a canopy for dinner. You may want to bring a bag chair. If weather permits there will be a bonfire out back. Last year it was just too hot. Hope to see you all there.



## Game Night

Submitted by Brenda Heckaman

We would like to thank Rod and Cheryl for once again opening up their home to us. Seventeen chapter members enjoyed a fun evening of games and food. I am not sure why Cheryl had everyone bring a dish to pass because she had cooked enough to feed the whole chapter herself! So add to hers what each person brought ----- boy did we have the food!!! GOOD STUFF!!!

After everyone was stuffed, we had a big table of domino players enjoying themselves and some euchre playing going on. It happened to be a night race for Nascar that evening, so we had some choose to just relax in front of the TV and enjoy the race. It was a fun evening just being with friends—eating, talking, laughing, and playing. Thanks Rance's for having us.

Before you insult someone, walk a mile in their shoes. Then when you call them something, you're a mile away and have their shoes. Dave Barry

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## Thursday Night Dinner Rides

We leave promptly at 6:30

July 10 . . Rod Rance	Aug 14 . . Mike Knepple
July 17 . . Bob Chute	Aug 21 . . Open
July 24 . . Jeff & Terrie McCord	Aug 28 . Jim & Cindy Butler
July 31 . . Don & Cindy Norman	

Note: There are still dates open. If you want to lead a dinner ride contact Jim Whetstone.

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## What's Coming Up

July 3 . . . . . Remember NO MONTHLY MEETING  
July 3—6 . . . Wing Ding (Greenville, NC)  
July 12 . . . . . Pizza Night @ Skinner's (See Page 3)  
July 13 . . . . . Ride for Kids (South Bend, Pinhook Park)  
July 27 . . . . . \*Progressive Dinner Ride (Wolfie & Connie)  
Aug 7 . . . . . Monthly Meeting  
Aug 9 . . . . . Corn and Sausage Roast (Frank & Kathy)  
Aug 21—23 . Region D Rally  
Aug 23 . . . . . Ice Cream Ride to Jackson, MI (Heckamans)  
\*Date of Progressive Dinner subject to change.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries:

July 7 . .Jim & Carol McPhail    July 15 . Max & Darlene Elliot  
July 17 .Jim & Tammy VanLaecke

Aug 3 . . . Rod & Judy Clark    Aug 10 . Jim & Cindy Butler  
Aug 19 . . Glen & Cathy Rummel  
Aug 22 . . Wolfgang & Connie Gless  
Aug 24 . . Rich & Cari Durecki  
Aug 25 . . Don & Cindy Norman

### Birthdays:

July 5 . . Carol Skinner	July 6 . . Rod Rance
July 7 . . William Dahmen	July 12 . Brenda Heckaman
July 13 . Graham Pearson	July 14 . Tom Whalen
July 16 . Sue Myer	July 19 . Connie Gless

Aug 2 . . Judy Clark, Ron Gabbard, Don Norman  
Aug 3 . . Terrie McCord    Aug 13 . Brent Graybill  
Aug 18 . Karen Dahmen



Save those pop tabs for this year's Ronald McDonald Ride September 13th. Let's make the 2008 Ronald McDonald Ride the best one yet!

## Meeting Notes:



Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were about 22 members present plus two guests, Brent and Mary Graybill. Brent was there again representing the City of Elkhart and the Health and Safety Fair. If you remember, in April he was there to invite the chapter to participate. Bob Chute will provide him with some information to use at this fair.

Mike, Maggie, Mark, Carol, Bob and Sue attended Spring Wing. At that meeting, they found out that Butch and Margaret are leaving the State Staff and are moving to region D. The new state directors will be Stan & Becky Egli, from Evansville, IN. Snappy proudly showed off his Brad Meadows Education Award of Excellence. Congratulations Snappy.

Congratulations also to Kyle Beachy on his Eagle award and on his graduation.

Bob Chute talked about being aware that, because of gas prices, there will be more motorcycles, pedestrians and bicycles on the road. Be aware that they may not always follow the 'rules-of-the-road' and may make unexpected moves. He also talked about being careful about how you load your bike with luggage or trailer as you might change the C.G. or the stopping characteristics. Loads should always be placed as low as possible in order to have minimal effect on the bike's handling.

Note that the Mystery Ride has been canceled for now. A new date may be picked in the future. Also, remember, there is NO MEETING in July. And since there is no meeting there will also not be a newsletter that month.

Signup sheets were passed around for three events, the Pizza Party, the Corn and Sausage Roast and the Progressive Dinner. Carol talked about the Pizza Party and Kathy talked about the Corn and Sausage Roast. Information on these events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Kyle thanked everyone for attending his Eagle and Graduation party, and presented Denny with a mentor award.

Udderly Fantastic and Dumbo are staying with their current guardians for the time being.

Kathy Easterly would like to thank everyone for the cards prayers and phone calls.

Please get pictures to Cathy Rummel for the Scrapbook. You can also e-mail digital pictures to Vern Daly for possible inclusion in the newsletter, space permitting.

If anyone has **crushed cans** to turn in please get them to Frank Case or Jim McPhail to help with the Chapter funds.

# Congratulations Kyle Beachy

## An Eagle and a Wing (er)

Most of us have watched Kyle Beachy grow from a talkative 8 year old who loved riding Goldwings, whether it be his parents or someone else's, to a wonderful and caring young man. During those years of growing, we also became involved in Kyle's scouting adventures and loved to hear stories of his progress in achieving the Eagle Scout Badge, the highest rank scouting offers.

The culmination of those years of hard work happened on May 31 when Kyle was officially awarded the Eagle Scout Badge. Several of us had the privilege of attending the ceremony and celebration. The ceremony was very touching and left most of us teary-eyed, even Kyle. During the ceremony, Kyle gave recognition "mentor" pins to Jim McPhail and Rod Clark. Denny Heckaman was also awarded a mentor pin, but could not attend the ceremony. So his pin was presented to him at the June meeting. Jim also participated in the ceremony by being the "Voice of the Eagle" and doing several readings. Larry Johnson, who is still involved in scouting and is also a former scout, made the trip to Bonneyville Mill for the ceremony, even wearing his scout uniform as a show of support, respect, and congratulations.

The Eagle Scout celebration was held in conjunction with another huge event in Kyle's life...his high school graduation. Al and Cindy were very proud of their son as evidenced by the radiant beaming faces they showed to all of us. And they have every right to be proud. Their years of work and sacrifice have proven to be worthwhile. Way to go Kyle. You've achieved two very noble, important goals. Know that all of us in Chapter O2 (your other 30 moms and dads), are proud of you, love you, and will be there for future support any time you need us. Keep moving forward.

Submitted by Judy Clark



## HONOR

By Deb Whetstone

There are all kinds of honor when you think about life  
Like honoring your husband and honoring your wife  
Honoring loved ones that have gone on before you  
Is something that each and every one of us do  
There are honor guards and places of honor for people dear to our heart  
So it's not unusual that we help celebrate Kyle Beachy's new life start  
On this special day at Bonneyville Park, Kyle was the special honoree  
We all were there to honor him at his Eagle Scout ceremony  
Kyle has grown up in the Chapter with a lot of mom's and dad's  
Cindy and Al have been great at sharing Kyle thru the good times and the bad  
(Although there were very few bad times cause Kyle is a great kid)  
Kyle started scouting when he was quite young  
And he worked diligently at each badge until he was done  
Kyle attained the highest award that Scouts has to offer him  
But the life lessons he has learned and the friends he has made shows  
how rewarding Scouts has been  
The ceremony was wonderful and we could tell that Kyle was touched  
It is truly an honor to be there and see him enjoy it so much  
A special day for a special young man  
We know that in life Kyle you will do all that you can  
Although this was Kyle's day for him to celebrate  
He shared the day with others...yes this kid is first rate  
Mentors are people that you look up to  
And Kyle was prepared to honor a few  
He honored his Mom and he honored his Dad  
Then he honored a few other important mentors that he had  
He honored his Camp Counselor and Jim McPhail too  
Along with Rod Clark and Denny Heckaman...what a great thing to do  
He thanked them for helping him thru Scouts and thru his life  
We all know Kyle will do well with very little strife  
So once again, congratulations Kyle as you start on life's way  
The lessons you have learned from everyone are with you every day  
We know you can also keep a secret because you have from the very start  
So we're proud of you and your bond with our favorite \_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS KYLE ... YOU DID IT !!!

## Ronald McDonald House Ride

The welcome mat is out to all chapters to join Chapter O-2's 18th annual Ronald McDonald House ride. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2008 to begin at Meijer parking lot on SR 331 in Mishawaka, IN at 9:00 AM

Stops will be at:

Max Pitts Honda, US 31, Peru, IN, & Markland Mall, US 31, Kokomo, IN

Detailed route to be published in August and September issues of Chapter O-2 Newsletter. Also check our web site. Please join us anywhere along the way to Indy. **SAVE THOSE POP TABS.** Thanks

At right is a list of other items the house is always looking for.



### We are wishing for...

#### For the Pantry

- Fresh fruit
- Individual servings of cereal
- Tuna & cracker snack packs
- Canned meats (chicken, turkey, ham, tuna, salmon)
- Individual servings of pudding & canned fruit
- Individual servings of pretzels & chips
- Snack cakes & cookies
- Eggs and bread
- Crackers
- Flour
- Spices
- Frozen dinners and microwave meals
- Vegetable oil
- Bottled water
- Sugar
- Chunky Soup
- Spaghetti sauce
- Ramen noodles
- Granola bars
- Individual juice boxes
- Drink mixes (Crystal Light, lemonade)
- Cleaning supplies
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Scrubbing Bubbles bathroom cleaner
- Sponge mops

- Dryer softener sheets
- Windex
- Lysol wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- All-purpose cleaner
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Daily shower spray
- Dishwasher soap
- Disposable gloves

#### For the Kitchens

- Dishware (including drinking glasses)
- Styrofoam cups, bowls and plates
- Dishwasher-safe cooking utensils
- Pots & pans (skillets)
- Aluminum foil
- Sandwich bags
- Disposable and nondisposable forks, knives & spoons
- Muffin tins and cookie sheets

#### For the Guest Rooms

- Hairspray
- Lotion
- Bath gel
- Liquid hand soap
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash

- Combs & hairbrushes
- Queen thermal blankets (white)
- White pillowcases
- Long distance phone cards (30+ minutes)
- Utensils (forks, knives & spoons)
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Boxed tissue

#### Other

- Disposable single-use thermometers
- Large gift items (silent auction)
- Disposable diapers (all sizes)
- Feminine products
- Lactation products for nursing moms
- Light bulbs
- Air fresheners
- Electric can openers
- Alarm clocks

#### Office Needs

- 8-1/2x11 color & white copy paper
- Manila folders
- Stamps

The House is just like your home, and we can use many of the same items that you use in your house to serve our families. For the health and safety of our guests and volunteers, we ask that items are new. Due to stringent health codes, please check expiration dates. You can view our updated wish lists at [www.rmh-indiana.org](http://www.rmh-indiana.org). Questions? Call the Development Office at 317-269-2247. Thank you!

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